

City Scoop



NEW DEVELOPMENT MAP

As the entire region continues to grow, Covington is also experiencing growth in commercial and residential development. In order to keep residents in the know, the city has launched a new interactive development map that is available for viewing on the city's website.

The map shows current development projects going on around the city and provides project details including the location and zoning, a description and the status of the project. When you click on the project title, the screen zooms right to the project location on the map. To view the new map, head to www.covingtonwa.gov and click on "Development Activity Report" under *Popular Links* on the left side of the page.

REC & ATHLETICS NEWS

RECREATION

The kids have headed back to school and our Fall Recreation programs are open for registration. Again this Fall we will be offering Super Sitters and Safe at Home classes, Gymnastics, Pre-Ballet, Jazz, and Dance Team, Holiday Dance Camp, RizzKids, Kidz Love Soccer, EBI Basketball Skills classes, Ninja Kids, Musikgarten, Bootcamp, Zumba, and Seattle Astronomical Society Star Parties. We also have several new programs including Parent and Kids Night Out, Wildlife Totem Walk, Christmas Bird Count, Adult and Kid Beginner Karate classes, Circus Arts Classes, Cheetah After School Art, Volleyball Camp, Chess Wizards Camp, Zumba Gold, and Stroller Strides and Barre. There is something for everyone. Register today at www.covingtonwa.gov/parks.

ATHLETICS

Youth Fall Volleyball and Youth Winter Basketball registration is open! For volleyball, we offer divisions for 2nd – 9th graders. Matches will be held Saturdays in November and December at Cedar Heights Middle School. One weekday evening practice per week will be determined by the volunteer coach.

Winter Basketball is being offered for 3-year-olds to 8th graders. Games are held on Saturdays at Cedar Heights Middle School and Mattson Middle School in January and February. One weekday evening practice per week will be determined by the volunteer coach.

Volunteer coaches are always needed. If you can help out with coaching, please email our Athletics Specialist, Sean Conway for a coaching application at athletics@covingtonwa.gov.



Recycling Collection Event & Rain Barrel Sale

Sept. 30
9 a.m.-3 p.m.

at Kentwood
High School

More details at <http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste>



AQUATIC CENTER UPDATE

LOCAL CHAMPIONS: THE COVINGTON SEAHORSES!

The Covington Seahorses Swim Team took on the Federal Way Stingrays and Auburn Aqua Seals at the Championship Swim Meet on Saturday, Aug. 12. This year's team had 95 swimmers ranging from 5-18 years old. New head coach Alessandra Losacco was proud of the team's performance and demonstration of sportsmanship, which is an emphasis of the program. The community's recreational swim team has grown each year since it began in 2015 and is a fun opportunity for all youth to experience swimming as a sport.



HALLOWEEN EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Spooky Swims - Saturday, Oct. 28, 5-6:30 p.m. or 7-8:30 p.m.

The overhead lights will be out, the pool will glow, and there will be a scary amount of fun at the annual Spooky Swim. Open to all ages, however, under six years old requires an adult. Pre-registration is required.

Halloween Swim - Tuesday, Oct. 31, 7-9 p.m.

Drop-in to the Covington Aquatic Center on Halloween night as an alternative to trick-or-treating, or after you are done. It's a fun "dark swim," with games and activities for everyone. Open to all ages, however, under six years old requires an adult.

SUMMER IS OVER, BUT SWIMMING IS NOT!

The Covington Aquatic Center is a year-round swimming pool, offering recreational swims, swimming lessons, WaterX programs, and more. The heated pool is about 85 degrees all year long. Check out the program schedule at www.covingtonwa.gov/cac for details.

FREE MINOR HOME REPAIR PROGRAM CONTINUES

The City's Minor Home Repair Program has provided repairs for dozens of low to moderate income homeowners. There are current opportunities to apply for a Minor Home Repair grant with the City of Covington. This program is funded by a Community Development Block Grant and provides free home repair for eligible minor home repair projects like repairing or replacing hot water heaters, gutter damage, and other types of problems.



To be eligible, the home must be owner-occupied and located within city limits. There is a one-year residency requirement and homeowners must have no plans to sell their home within a year. Owners must also be income eligible according to HUD income guidelines.

Income eligibility is determined by total gross annual income of ALL household members:

- Family size of one with income up to \$50,400
- Family size of two with income up to \$57,600
- Family size of three with income up to \$64,800
- Family size of four with income up to \$72,000
- Family size of five with income up to \$77,800

If you are a Covington homeowner in need of home repair don't hesitate to call today for a brief phone screening at 253-480-2411.

PARK PLANS UNDERWAY

COVINGTON COMMUNITY PARK

Phase 2 of Covington Community Park is now underway! This second phase includes additions of a community stage, a large lawn, picnic shelters, a playground, a fitness area with exercise stations, a tennis court, additional trail segments, restrooms, a concessions building, additional parking, wetland mitigation, utility infrastructure and frontage improvements along 180th Avenue SE.

Areas of the park, such as the playfield, will remain open during construction as much as possible, but sections of the park will be closed as needed to complete the work. Construction is expected to take about one year.

JENKINS CREEK PARK

The city has begun a master plan process for Jenkins Creek Park. Creating a master plan is the first step in the overall process to renovate Jenkins Creek Park. Once a master plan is complete, the city will be able to apply for grants to help fund the future renovations that are planned. Keep updated on this process and how to provide input by visiting <http://bit.ly/jenkinscreek>.

SOCO (SOUTH COVINGTON) PARK

The City purchased this future park property, located off Wax Rd., last October with funds from a Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program grant. Current development of the SoCo Park site will be limited to the demolition of the structures, installation of fencing and other basic improvements to allow for public access to the site.

SoCo Park will ultimately provide neighborhood park service to the new multi-family residences and an existing single family neighborhood. This project is a high priority for the city as it helps address a significant shortage of neighborhood parks, is part of the town center vision, and provides a critical connection for a future Jenkins Creek Trail. Future phases of developing this park will include additional land acquisition, design and construction.

More information on Covington's park projects can be found online at www.covingtonwa.gov/parks.

EMERGENCY PREP FAIR - 9/30

Preparedness is a shared responsibility; it calls for the involvement of everyone — not just the government — in preparedness efforts. It is integral to the security of our daily lives and should be integrated into our daily decisions, not just called upon in times of disaster. So, on Saturday, Sept. 30, the City of Covington will be joining multiple organizations, including the cities of Maple Valley and Black Diamond, to bring you the annual Community Emergency Preparedness Fair at Rock Creek Elementary School located at 25700 Maple Valley Black Diamond Road SE. The Fair is free and open to all members of the community.

The Fair will feature emergency response vehicles, utility district vehicles, preparedness demonstrations, information displays, vendors, and professionals available to answer your questions about emergency preparedness. The Maple Valley Food Bank will also be at the Fair and will be accepting non-perishable food items.



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